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## LAURENS COUNTY TAXABLE PROPERTY

Figures taken from the  
Auditors Abstracts

### TAX INCREASE OVER SIXTEEN THOUSAND

The Taxable Property of Laurens County as Itemized from Auditor Thompson's Annual Abstract, Show an Increase for Collection Over Nineteen Fourteen of Three Thousand Dollars. Total Value of Property Seven and Quarter Million.

The figures given below on the taxable property of Laurens county were taken from Auditor J. W. Thompson's annual abstract and show many interesting figures in regard to the county's income. The books show an increase of \$16,263.00 in property over the figures for 1914 and an increase for collection of \$19,005.22 caused by an extra state levy of one-half mill, ordinary county levy of three-quarters mill and one mill for roads and bridges. This also includes an increase in the special school taxes of \$2,201.58. The figures given below were taken from the abstract:

**Property Values.**  
436,191 acres, value of land \$2,435,350  
3,879 buildings thereon, value 262,560  
2,027 lots, value 327,710  
1715 buildings thereon, value 684,840

Total value real estate ... \$3,710,460  
Total value personal ... 970,675  
R. R., Express Co's., all corporations ... 2,661,034

Total taxable property ... \$7,342,169  
**Taxes to be Collected.**  
For State purposes ... \$51,576.24  
For ordinary county purposes 27,533.13  
For R. R. Bonds ... 7,342.17  
For roads and bridges ... 29,368.68  
For R. R. bonds (Sullivan Township) ... 1,068.89  
For constitutional (3) mill school ... 22,026.51  
For special and local school 38,301.58  
For poll tax ... 5,366.00  
For dog tax ... 1,385.00  
For road (capitation) ... 5,761.50

Total for collection ... \$189,729.70  
An itemized statement of personal property follows:  
2,075 horses ... \$83,605  
6,779 cattle ... 64,220  
5,084 mules ... 216,570  
588 sheep and goats ... 525  
3,070 hogs ... 8,970  
193 watches ... 2,745  
552 musical instruments ... 21,290  
5,580 vehicles ... 97,930  
2,770 dogs ... 13,850  
Merchandise ... 171,065  
Manufacturing ... 375  
Machinery and cotton mill 1,389,729  
Moneys and credits ... 20,230  
Other credits ... 11,250  
Household property ... 181,655  
Banks ... 414,132  
Railroads ... 927,168  
... \$3,631,769

### WHITE MAN SHOT BY NEGROES.

Mr. Tom Woodruff Badly Wounded in Both Shoulders Last Thursday.

Mr. Tom Woodruff, who lives on the old Musgrove Farm about five miles from Enoree, was shot twice last Thursday by two negroes whose names are Coleman and Norman Carlisle. It seems that several days previous to the shooting Mr. Woodruff had had some trouble with one of the negroes and Thursday, when he ordered the two off his place while hunting, they opened fire, hitting Mr. Woodruff in two places, once in each shoulder. The wounds were at first thought to be very serious but according to the latest reports the wounded man is rapidly recovering from the injuries.

Deputy Sheriff Owens was notified soon after the shooting and quickly left the city in an auto in search of the negroes. They had had a good start though and the deputy was unable to get any trace of them. So far nothing has been heard as to their whereabouts though constant efforts are being made to get on the trail.

### Oyster Supper at Dials.

There will be an oyster supper at the Dials school Friday night Nov. 19 for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited.

### RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Laurens Christian Endeavors Are Grateful for Local Assistance.

At the meeting on last Sunday evening of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church, resolutions thanking the citizens of Laurens and in particular the householders of the other denominations, were passed. The following is the text of the resolution:

Whereas, the householders of other denominations, did very generally and generously open their homes to, and thereby assist us, in entertaining the 265 delegates recently with us, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of the First Presbyterian church that our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to all friends who so willingly assisted us in making the recent State Convention a distinct success. The seriousness of purpose, the enthusiasm of the workers, the devotion and ability of the leaders of this organization, all enlisted under their banner inscribed

"For Christ and the Church",—the church universal,—made a deep impress upon our community. May the Master who said, "Inasmuch as ye have shown kindness to one of the least of these my brethren; ye have shown it unto me" reward and keep you all.

Kitty Richards,  
Sue Dean,  
Daisy Eichelberger,  
Charles Fleming,  
Strickler Rankin.

### DAVIS FARM SOLD.

One of Laurens County's Most Improved Farms Sold at a Good Price. Announcement was made several days ago that the large farm of Mr. S. J. Davis, had been sold to Mr. George D. Wilson and sons, well-known residents of the Shiloh section of this county. The farm contains 217 acres and brought around \$17,000.00. The property was the home place of the late Capt. G. Wash Shell and is one of the finest and most improved farms in the county. The trade was made through Mr. B. M. Wolff, the real estate agent.

### Correction in Tax Notice.

In the advertisement of the county treasurer, which has been running for several weeks, a correction is made this week in the school districts of Oakville No. 5 and Brewerton No. 7 by which the special tax levies for those districts are made four mills, instead of three mills as they have heretofore appeared. This typographical error was overlooked until this week, when attention was directed to it by the county treasurer.

### At Princeton School.

The Improvement Association will give a box supper at the schoolhouse on Wednesday evening, Nov. 24th, beginning at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited to come and bring well filled pocketbooks.

### DEATH OF MRS. W. F. BOBO.

Spartanburg Lady Who Had Many Relatives in This County.

The very sad news was received in the city last Wednesday of the death at her home in Spartanburg, of Mrs. W. F. Bobo, a greatly esteemed Spartanburg lady who has a large number of relatives and friends in this county. Mrs. Bobo was before her marriage Miss Fannie Sexton, a daughter of Mr. Tom Sexton, a native and resident of Union county. She leaves four daughters and one son and many other relatives and friends who join in sympathizing with the bereaved family. Mr. J. D. Sexton of this city was a cousin of Mrs. Bobo and attended the funeral services which were held in Spartanburg last Thursday. Mrs. Bobo was a woman of many admirable traits and was much beloved wherever she was known.

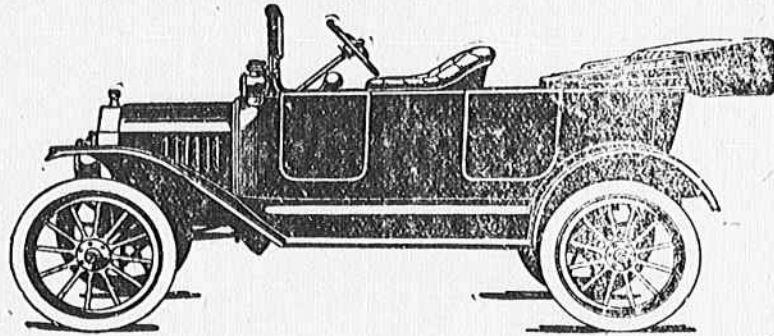
### Made Fine Record.

G. A. Spinks, local agent for the Carolina Life Ins. Co., of Columbia, is in receipt of a check for \$25 awarded to him as a prize for the best record made by any of the company's agents during the past six months. Mr. Spinks was competing against nearly 400 other agents, so the winning of the prize is no small honor. Incidentally, this record is an indication of the solid business foundation of Laurens.

## WHO WILL SPRING THE SUPRISE?

The Advertiser's Auto Contest is Getting to the Stage Now Where Every Subscription is Counting and Each Contestant Needs the Support of His or Her Friend. Who are Going to be the Special Prize Winners.

Have you helped any of the contestants yet by paying your subscription to The Advertiser? If you have not, now is the time, for the contest is waxing fiercer and warmer every day and your favorite contestant needs your aid. The special offer of \$25 to the contestant sending in the most money on old subscriptions and renewals ends next Saturday afternoon, Nov. 27th and consequently affects you if you are in arrears. By



paying up now, you not only get the satisfaction of paying your just dues, but you have the pleasure also of knowing that you have helped some one who is conducting a fight which requires grit and get-up. There is a second prize of \$15 in this offer, too, and the contestant who wins it will be fortunate.

The contestants have been "sawing wood" and saying nothing this week. Very few of them have shown up at the contest office, but reports indicate that they are putting in full time on the road. They haven't time to waste on the contest manager, when there is so much to be gained by going after delinquents and subscribers. Some of them are getting real foxy now and are even fooling the contest manager himself. There is no telling what is going to be sprung when the votes are counted at the end of the special voting period. Anyway, it behooves every contestant to be steadily at work, or if there is to be any surprise sprung the advantage is going to lay with the contestant that springs it.

Nearly every section of the county is now being stirred with interest in the contest. The question is being asked on every side "Who are you supporting in the contest?" or "Won't you support so-and-so in the auto contest?" or "save me your coupons" or many other questions of like character. The interest is getting at fever heat and promises to grow until the final climax during the week preceding the close of the contest. The contestant who awakens most interest in himself or herself will be the winner, for the support of numbers will count more than the work of but one. So, as the contest manager has urged from the beginning, organize, organize, organize.

Contestants and solicitors are requested to be very careful about ad dresses and the distinction between old and new subscribers. By making careful note of these things as provided on the subscription blanks, much needless work and worry can be

### At Trinity-Ridge.

A lecture will be given at Trinity-Ridge school, the evening before Thanksgiving, Nov. 21, from 7 to 8 o'clock. The lecturer will be announced later. From 8 to 10 o'clock, the Improvement association will serve a hot supper. The public is cordially invited. No admission will be charged to the lecture.

### Entertainment at Gray Court.

An entertainment for the "old and young" will be given at the Gray Court-Owings school house at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, November 24th, by the ladies of the school improvement association. No entrance fee will be charged. Oysters, ice cream and cake will be sold after the entertainment, the proceeds to be devoted to school needs.

### Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Rhodes, desire to express their thanks to their friends and neighbors for their kindness during the long illness of our brother, Dewel, and may God's blessings be with us all.

reach the office and then much work may be saved to you and the manager too.

Vote to 5 O'clock P. M. Tuesday, November 16.

Miss Louise Dean, Mountville ... 1,000  
Miss Ora Powers, Laurens ... 1,000  
Mr. Clyde Teague, Mountville ... 1,000  
Mr. Eston Medlock, Fountain Inn 4,025  
Mr. Jim Miller, Waterloo ... 1,000  
Mr. Fred Culbertson, Waterloo ... 1,000  
Miss Sarah Cooper, Waterloo ... 4,025  
Miss Mamie Miller, Waterloo ... 4,025  
Mrs. Victor Weathers, Laurens 136,275  
Miss Eula Smith, Laurens ... 1,000  
Mr. Wash Jones, Ware Shoals ... 1,000  
Mr. Geo. Anderson, Waterloo ... 1,000  
Mr. W. H. Hamilton, Laurens ... 1,000  
Leonard Owings, Owings ... 4,050  
Wadd Hill, Owings ... 4,075  
Miss Lilla Templeton, Owings ... 1,000  
Mrs. Ellen Stoddard, Owings ... 7,025  
Mrs. J. A. Wofford, "Aunt Kate" Laurens ... 97,350  
Miss Etta Brownlee, Gray Court 1,000  
Miss Ruth Martin, Gray Court ... 1,000  
Miss Beulah Curry, Gray Court 1,000  
Miss Mae Roper, Gray Court ... 4,025  
Miss Eva Teague, Watts Mill ... 1,000  
Miss Sallie Brownlee, Gray Court 1,000  
Miss Emma Harris, Gray Court 1,000  
Mrs. F. W. Mahaffey, Gray Court 4,000  
Albert Dial, Cross Hill ... 136,000  
Miss Martha Wolff, Gray Court ... 1,000  
Miss Beth Mitchell, Mountville 1,000  
Miss Dot Fuller, Mountville ... 1,000  
Miss Marie Mahon, Gray Court 1,000  
Miss Sarah Dunlap, Laurens ... 10,575  
Harley Waddell, Ora ... 1,000  
Mrs. B. R. Todd, Laurens ... 139,475  
Miss May Belle Garrett, Laurens 6,350  
R. Mace Langston, Gray Court ... 7,050  
Miss Flora Bennett, Laurens ... 10,000  
William Hopkins Moorehead, Goldville ... 139,050  
Clarence Albright, Laurens ... 12,025  
Mr. Jim Lewis, Laurens Mill ... 1,000  
Mr. J. L. Dagnall, Laurens Mill 4,000  
Miss Martha Franks, Laurens 138,475  
Lawrence Pitts, Laurens ... 4,025  
Jas. F. Harney, Laurens ... 7,000  
Gary Culbertson, Waterloo ... 1,000  
Edd Elmore, Waterloo ... 1,005  
Gary Cunningham, Waterloo ... 1,000

### Returned with New Cars.

Messrs. Gibbon Traynham, L. Doc Swygert and Edwin Lucas returned last Wednesday from Atlanta, driving through in two new Haynes Sixes. These cars were delivered to their new owners at once, one to Dr. R. R. Walker and one to Messrs Edwin Lucas and T. I. Swygert. This makes the fifth Haynes car sold to residents of Laurens during the past two weeks and judging from the enthusiasm displayed by the owners, it is one of the best on the market. Messrs. T. Gibbon Traynham and L. Doc Swygert have accepted the agency for these cars in this territory.

### Foot Ball Friday.

On next Friday afternoon at four o'clock the Laurens High School football team will play the Spartanburg high school team in Garlington's pasture. As the Laurens team is strong, this promises to be an interesting game. The admission fee will be 25c for adults; 10c for school children.

### A REAL DAUGHTER OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Mrs. Francis Griffin Monroe, Daughter of Revolutionary Soldier Here Sunday.

Among the notable visitors in Laurens recently there was one who can claim the unique distinction of being a real daughter of the American Revolution. In fact she is one of two now living in America and the only real daughter in the South. The visitor was Mrs. Francis Griffin Monroe, a daughter of Joseph Griffin who fought with great valor throughout the Revolutionary War. While her father was a native of Culpepper County, Virginia, Mrs. Monroe was born in this state and has spent all of her life in Laurens county. She is now a resident of the Hopewell section of this county, where she manages her own farm with signal ability. Joseph Griffin, her father, enlisted with the Continental Army at the age of fifteen and fought valiantly throughout the great war for American independence. Mrs. Monroe is the youngest of twenty-one children and the daughter of her father's third wife. She is 81 years of age, though from her lively manner and the active part that she takes in life she appears very much younger. She is an interesting talker, pleasant and affable and as someone has expressed it—"bright as a new dollar". She has many children and grandchildren living in Laurens county.

### A PREACHING MISSION.

To be Held in the Episcopal Church Beginning Monday, Nov. 9th.

From Monday Nov. 29 to Sunday Dec. 5, the Rev. Wilmot S. Holmes as Missioner, will conduct a series of services in the Episcopal Church preaching two sermons every day.

These special services are to be a part of a nation-wide movement in the Episcopal Church throughout the United States. More than a year ago the General Convention appointed a commission to bring it about, and the prospective result is that during the first two weeks in December there will be held simultaneously in practically every Episcopal Church in America, a seven or eight day Preaching Mission—Evangelical service or Revival, it may be called, though usually designated in the Episcopal Church by the term "Mission" while the minister, preacher or evangelist is called the missioner.

The object of the mission, as Bishop Guerry says, is three-fold: (a) To present the call of Christ to the unconverted; (b) To awaken and deepen the spiritual life of the individual; (c) To influence and uplift the community as a whole. A platform broad enough for all to unite on.

The hour for the day service will be 10:30 a. m. and the night 7:30 p. m. All friends and the public are cordially invited to attend any and all of these services.

The Missioner, the Rev. Mr. Holmes is known to many of our people in Laurens, and minister of the Gospel and man of God he will come with a message to all of us who will hear it. Sanders R. Guikard, Rector in Charge.

### Cotton Mill Declares Dividend.

A meeting of the directors of the Laurens Cotton Mills was held in the company offices Monday afternoon, S. M. Milliken and party of New York capitalists being present. The report of the officers was read, showing that the past year had been a satisfactory one. The old officers were re-elected and a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent was declared.

### Mrs. Thayer Dead.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thayer, mother of Rev. W. E. Thayer formerly pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, died at the home of Rev. Thayer in Sumter Thursday. The body was taken to Charleston for burial, interment being in Magnolia cemetery. Mrs. Thayer was in the 84th year of her age. She lived with her son during his pastorate here and was greatly beloved for her many fine qualities.

### Home Burned.

Sunday morning, while the family were at church, the home of Mr. Bartlett Owings, near Gray Court, was completely destroyed by fire. The dwelling was practically new and the loss was quite a large one to the owners.

## THE GENERAL STAFF PLANNED BIG ARMY

Differs Materially From Administration's Plan.

### BIG INCREASE IN REGULAR ARMY

Recommendations of Special Committee of Army Officers Favors Fully Equipped Force of Million and One Half. Desires Regular Army Doubled and Large Force of Trained Reserves.

Washington, November 15.—Immediate publication of the report of the army general staff on the military needs of the country, differing materially from the Administration's continental army scheme, will be urged upon President Wilson by Secretary Garrison. The secretary, who has described the plan to be recommended to Congress as only a step in the right direction, said today he believed the public was entitled to all available information relating to the national defense.

The general staff has made an extensive study of the problem of defending the country and its insular possessions.

Its report, it is understood, recommends increasing the regular army to 250,000 men, permanently with the colors, and with reserves of 300,000 fully trained men. Behind this line it is proposed to have a force of a million men with at least a year's training, giving the country an army of about 1,500,000 fully equipped and easily mobilized. No synopsis of the report has been given out and details are not available.

### Administration Plan.

The administration plan was prepared by Secretary Garrison and a special board of officers and officials after careful scrutiny of the staff report. It was decided that there was no hope of getting the staff proposals through. Various unofficial estimates have placed the cost involved at more than twice that of the continental army scheme, which reaches a total of half a billion dollars in six years. The first year's expenditures under the staff plan, it is said, would approach \$400,000,000, and the continuing expense be proportionately heavy.

The staff estimates, it is reported, that it takes at least a year to make a soldier fit to join the fighting line. The continental army programme comprises only six months of hard training, distributed in two-month periods through three years. It was adopted to diminish the expense and yet produce a force of citizen soldiers nearly a million strong to support the regulars, increased to approximately 142,000 from the 103,000 now in service.

### FRANK McCRAVE PLEASES.

Montgomery Paper Compliments Laurens Choral Workers Very Highly.

Frank McCrave, whose tenor voice is always heard with much pleasure here, is receiving much favorable criticism because of the excellent work he is doing as an evangelistic singer. For the past few weeks he has been leading in the music of a very successful meeting being carried on at Montgomery, Alabama. A recent issue of one of the leading Montgomery papers had the following to say of his work:

"Every one enjoys the solos of the sweet-voiced singer McCrave as well as the masterful way in which he conducts the chorus and leads the audience in the song services; but the work with the children is wonderful. The congregation at the Baptist tabernacle Friday night was almost surprised when he picked a child from the floor and set him on the platform and asked him to sing 'Shine'. This he did in beautiful clear voice. Again he called a little girl to the audience and sing, 'If You Give Your Heart to Jesus, You Will Outshine the Sun.' The readiness with which these little folks responded and the charm of their sweet voices delighted everybody. Another feature of Mr. McCrave's work is that he gets everybody to singing which adds greatly to the interest of the meetings."